

LYNDA PERDOMO-AYALA, LMSW, VICE CHAIR, was appointed to the Commission in 2002 and was elected Vice Chair in 2003. She is a graduate of Adelphi University, the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University, and holds a certification in conflict resolution from Cornell University. Ms. Perdomo-Ayala is the Administrator to the Department of Pharmacological Sciences at Stony Brook University's Medical Center. At Stony Brook, she also serves as advisor to the Latin American Student Organization, is a member and Chair of the advisory board of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, is a member of the Multicultural Woman's Alliance and serves as a member of the University's President and Provost Diversity Council. She has worked extensively in the community as a member of the National Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Social Workers, the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Inc., and the Suffolk County Executive's Hispanic Advisory Board, and she is a board member, former President, of the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc. Ms. Perdomo-Ayala has received numerous awards and honors, including the "Woman of Distinction" Award from La Union de Mujeres Americanas in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Bethel AME Church of Setauket for her outstanding service and commitment to the community. In 2011, she was honored with a Special Recognition Award by Adelante of Suffolk County, Inc., for their 45th Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade. She received recognition from Stony Brook University for her 29 years of service to the institution, and in October, 2103 she was honored by the SUNY Chancellor with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in the State University system. She was a recipient of the New York State Social Worker of the Month Award, was named Local Hero by Bank of America, Distinguished Social Worker by the National Association of Social Workers, and the Latino Social Work Task Force. In May 2013 she was inducted into the Class of 2013 – Top Advocates for Latino Empowerment on Long Island. In addition, she represents the Human Rights Commission on the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission serving the women of Suffolk County. She is an educator, mentor, and a committed activist for all underserved communities, and as Vice Chair of the Commission, she heads its Administrative Committees which oversees the heads of the following committees: Justice, Awards Dinner, Education, Employment, Health, Housing, Immigration and Junior Human Rights.